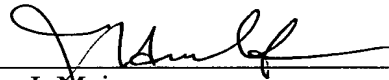


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Supplemental the payment of the issue fee in the present application, Applicants have forwarded an office action dated June 12, 2006 for the corresponding European application number 04 004 401.8 which discusses the references which were filed in the information disclosure statement of July 7, 2004. While the attached office action cannot be made of record, Applicants wish to bring this to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office to let the same maybe place in the file we know the same is not officially entered. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants attorney.

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